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A large number of parents and others interested in education attended at the Italian Convent yesterday afternoon to witness the distribution of prizes by H.E. the Governor and to enjoy the entertainment provided by the pupils. Besides His Excellency there were present His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni and Mr. J. R. Wood, Director of Education. The proceedings took place in a specially prepared match with a beautifully illuminated stage.

The report submitted by Rev. Fr. P. de Maria stated:

Since the date of my last report the new Grant Code (1910), under the provisions of which the school is being conducted, has been brought into operation. In order to comply with the expressed wish of His Excellency the Governor at the last prize-giving and the requirements of Government, the staff of European teachers has been increased to 14 sisters and three assistant teachers, being an increase of three sisters over the number in the previous year. This staff is responsible for the teaching of the eight classes, besides the kindergarten class, of which the school consists.

Another remarkable increase in the average attendance is the outstanding feature of the progress of the school during the period under review. From an average daily attendance of 255.6 in the preceding year the number rose to 283.5 this year, being an increase of 10.9 per cent. The highest number on the roll on any one day in the school year was 353.

Framed as the New Code now in force has been so as to bring the level of instruction up to the standard requirements of the Oxford Local regulations, a radical change has been effected in the text-books formerly in use, and the subjects since introduced and now taught at the school include English Literature, Physics, and modern Languages, all of which must be taken by the scholars in the Upper Classes as compulsory subjects.

While referring to the Oxford Local Examinations, it has to be placed on record that for the second time this year the school presented candidates for the examinations.

Sixteen went up in July last, of whom ten obtained certificates, eight being in the Preliminary division and two in the Junior. It is a gratifying feature of the "passes" that all the girls were successful in the English subjects. Following the advice tendered by the School Examiners for former years, greater attention has been bestowed by the teaching staff on the subjects of Reading, Spelling and Composition, with the result that general improvement has been attained in the Lower Classes. In Arithmetic, problem solution presented difficulty in some classes; a weakness that makes itself very marked in a girls' school as distinguished from boys.

The two Kindergarten Classes give encouraging results. The little children attending them are taught easy songs, drills and straw and bead weaving. Froebel's method of instruction is adopted.

The school sent up a team for the Hygiene Competition held in July last. In order of percentage of the marks the school was ranked fifth in the list of competing teams.

Apart from the subjects prescribed by the Grant Code, needlework, included in that term being plain sewing, embroidery and fancy work, was taught in all the classes. So successful is that branch of teaching that many of the older girls are passing out of the school, at the termination of their regular course of studies, have found their proficiency with the needle a valuable aid toward self-help.

One hundred and seventeen pupils availed themselves of the Music Class during the year. Music has been taught as an extra subject with much efficiency. Brilliance of execution was not what has been exclusively aimed at, but a good theoretical knowledge of the subject. This fact is established by the "Passes" in Harmony secured by two candidates at the Oxford Examination. Other subjects coming under the category of extra subjects were Drawing and Painting, and French, German, and Italian. Sixty pupils were enrolled in the former class, while thirteen studied the foreign languages. Short-hand and typewriting classes were also held and were attended by 12 and 7 pupils, respectively.

According to the prescribed rules, the Lugard Scholarship for last year has been awarded to Miss Lucy Leung, and for this year to Miss Amanda Hayes, who is entitled to receive an Oxford Preliminary Certificate, and the Oxford Local Examination, having satisfied the Examiners in seven subjects, viz., Religious Knowledge, English, History, Domestic Economy, Physics, French and Drawing.

No less important in point of prize awards is the honour of having a scholar's name inscribed on the Lady Lugard Shield, presented by Her Excellency for integrity and selflessness and application in studies. For 1910 Miss Leapor Farrie and for 1911 Miss Florence Hing have been adjudged as best entitled to the distinction in order of merit.

Among the notable events of the year is the completion of the western block of buildings, which, by giving additional space for the boarders, has enabled the rooms in the old buildings to be almost wholly utilised as class rooms. The increased and increasing number of scholars makes the need for larger accommodation even more pressing.

In considering the past year, thanks must be tendered to the generous donors to the Prize Fund. They were:—H.E. Major General Anderson, Commodore Eyres, Sir Paul Clater, Chev. Francisco Tse-yat, Messrs. H. J. M. Carvello, Chan Kai ming, W. Dickson, H. Dixon, F. A. Gomes, Ho Fook, Ho Kung-tong, Ho Wing, Hung Hing, E. S. Kadoorie, P. K. Kwok, Peter Lee Chin, J. M. E. Machado, N. A. Stubb, Sin Tak-fan, Simon Tse-yang, and Tai Yau Onim Farm. Dr. A. B. Gomes kindly awarded a special prize of \$25 to Miss Beatrice Elias.

After the national anthem had been rendered, the pupils gave a display of their musical attainments, the most noteworthy being the Kindergarten game entitled "The Bees" the Banda Vocele, and marionettes (drill and songs).

H.E. the Governor then addressed the gathering. He said—My lord Bishop, Ladies and gentlemen. You have before you the report of the headmaster, Father de Maria, and I am rather sorry that we are deprived of the pleasure of hearing it read, because I read it through this morning and I found it a most interesting report, and one which gives us an idea of the very substantial progress in the school of the Italian Convent during the year. I have also had the opportunity of reading the report of the Director of Education which has not yet been made public. I find from these two reports that there has been a right call substantial progress. On the one

hand the staff of European ladies engaged in teaching has been increased by three. That makes the proportion of European teachers to children, 25 to 1, which is a very good and satisfactory proportion. In the second place the buildings have been enlarged, and the Director of Education remarks that the conditions under which the children are now being taught are much more satisfactory from a health point of view than they have hitherto been in this Colony. The average attendance, which for the past five years has been 227, has now increased to 280, an increase of 20 over last year. Considering the proportion of teachers is thoroughly satisfactory, I am extremely glad to say that the average attendance has gone up. For the first time during the past year the pupils in this Convent have entered for the Oxford preliminary examination in order that they may compare with the scholars of other schools, and I am glad to say that from a quarter to one-third of the pupils in the upper school have passed the examination, to the number of ten. I hope next year they will have even more satisfactory results. This has involved the inclusion of three new subjects in the curriculum of the school. On these various points I think I am justified in saying that the progress has been sound and substantial, because it is much more satisfactory to have progress which involves the organisation of the teaching of the whole school than to have results and achievements by two or three individuals instead of steady progress throughout all classes of the school. I shall presently have the pleasure of presenting two small mementoes to two young ladies whose names are to be inscribed on the Lady Lugard Shield, and I offer them my hearty congratulations. Miss Hung and Miss Farrie are the girls whose names are to be inscribed on that shield. They are the girls who have been during the past year the most reliable for integrity, and who have exercised the best influence for good throughout the year. Therefore I consider that the girls whose names are inscribed on that shield have gained the highest distinction possible for any girl to attain in the school. (Applause.) I should like also to congratulate Miss Hayes, who has won the scholarship which the late Sir Horneum Mody, whose death has been such a loss to the Colony, was good enough to found, bearing my own name. (Applause.) I regret very much that my wife is unable to be here this afternoon. She takes a deep interest in this institution. She is unfortunately confined to her bed and has been for the past month. She asked me to give to all the pupils of this school her most hearty congratulations on the success and prosperity of the past year, and her cordial wishes for success in the year to come. I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Ladies and gentlemen, I am not going to detain you with a long speech. I think I shall be right if I express to the noble ladies who give their lives to the work of this institution the pleasure which you as well as I have in coming to see them at least once a year, and to witness an entertainment such as we have just enjoyed, and which must have cost a great deal of pains and trouble to those who performed it so admirably. Therefore on your behalf as well as on my own I venture to wish them most hearty success in the coming year, and a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

A vote of thanks to His Excellency moved by Father Lynch brought the proceedings to a close.

The prizes were then presented. The winners in the Oxford classes were: Class I—Dolores Braga for religious knowledge, English and drawing; Class II—Mary Braga and Beatrice Elias, junior Oxford certificate and prizes for general improvement, the latter also receiving first prize for music; Lucy Leung, Lugard scholarship for 1911-12, and prize for general improvement; to Winifred Edwards, prize for general improvement and second prize for painting. Distinctions to Adela Klingemann, for English, Grammar and Italian; Azealia Gomes Silva, Arithmetic; Elizabeth Newell Lawrence, English; and Lily Silva 3rd prize for Drawing.

Class 3—Prizes for general improvement to:—Leonora Farrie, Hermila Osmund, Angelina Carvalho, Alice Young, all of whom received the Oxford Preliminary Certificate; and Elizabeth Xavier. Distinctions to Amanda Hayes, for Religious Knowledge, English, French and Music, Oxford preliminary Certificate and "Lugard Scholarship" for the years 1912 and 1913; Jean Braga, for English History and Certificate; Louise Aycock, for Arithmetic and Certificate; Clara Heat and Oxford preliminary Certificate; Clara Matlock, for English and History, the Oxford preliminary Certificate and 2nd Prize for Music. Annie Peterson, 3rd prize for Drawing. A number of other prizes were distributed.

THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

A recent question and answer in the House of Commons regarding the situation in China, referred to in a telegram at the time, is thus reported in *The Times*:—

Baron de Forest (West Ham, N. Min.) asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether the Government had received from the Vice-Admiral in command of the China Squadron a recommendation that British troops should be landed in Chinese territory; and whether he can give the House an assurance that the Government had no intention of interfering in the manner suggested in the domestic disputes of the Chinese nation.

Mr. Asquith—Before Shanghai passed into the hands of the revolutionary party, the Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron suggested that it might become necessary to land troops at Shanghai for the protection of foreign interests. He reported that the German and Japanese admirals were making a similar suggestion to their Governments. His Majesty's Government, however, doubt the necessity of such action at present. In reply to the second part of the question, I would say that His Majesty's Government are restricting their action to the protection of British lives and property, and of course of foreign lives and property in cases where vessels of the nationality concerned are not on the spot.

Supreme Court.

Monday, December 18th.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR THE CHIEF JUSTICE (SIR FRANCIS PIGOTT).

ASSAULT AND ROBBERY.

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BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. JUSTICE GONNETT.

Chan Wo and Leung Yee were charged with assaulting Miss M. E. Goggin.

Mr. Eldon Potter (instructed by Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Assistant Crown Solicitor) appeared for the Crown. Prisoners were defended.

The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. J. W. Taylor (foreman), J. Forrester, P. R. Wolfe, A. K. Henderson, Chang Yuet Po, W. P. Seath and F. S. Harrison.

Mr. Potter said prisoners were charged with assaulting Miss Goggin and stealing certain articles. On the 27th, October Miss Goggin was standing in Bonham Road about 2.30 in the afternoon when she suddenly felt a hand pressed heavily on her shoulder. On looking round she saw a tall Chinaman, who swung her round and squeezed her neck. At the same moment another Chinaman—who was there pressed his fingers over her mouth with the intention of preventing her from screaming, while a third Chinaman rushed up and snatched her handbag containing a gun metal watch, fifty cents in money and two handkerchiefs. The man who had hold of her brought her down to the ground and she was considerably hurt. On November 17 Miss Goggin went to No. 8 Police Station, where she saw four men, and she picked out the two prisoners as her assailants. The following day Miss Goggin also identified the same two men amongst others, and the real question for the jury to decide was whether the two men who assaulted Miss Goggin were the prisoners. Miss Goggin decided whether the two men who assaulted her happened to be a policeman in disguise, but in that she had obviously been mistaken. The watch had been recovered, and he would call the pawnbroker to give evidence. Evidence was called.

In this case the jury returned a verdict of not guilty, by four to three. They were ordered to reconsider their verdict, but again returned a verdict in favour of the prisoners. They were then brought formally before His Honour the Chief Justice, but the Attorney-General had also picked out another man against them. His Lordship advised the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty, which they accordingly did, and the prisoners were discharged.

ALLIED KIDNAPING.

No evidence was offered against Chun King Chan, who was charged with kidnapping a child of the age of two years, and prisoner was discharged.

THE WRECK OF A PORTUGUESE CRUISER.

CREW RESCUED BY LIFEBOATS.

The cruiser *Sao Rafael*, 1,800 tons which had left Lisbon recently for Leizor, owing to the rough and thick weather, overran her distance and was wrecked on the rocks a quarter of a mile off Villa do Conde. The sea breaking over her endangered the lives of a crew of 220. Ultimately the men were rescued by three lifeboats, and only one life was lost. Twelve sailors were injured. The vessel became a total wreck and broke up.

The Minister of Marine, giving an account of the disaster, said that the cruiser broke amidships. He assured the Chamber that the Commander was blameless, the disaster being due chiefly to the intense fog. The warship is regarded as lost, but hopes were entertained that the artillery might be saved.

## SHARE TRANSACTIONS IN CHINA.

TACKLEY v. McBAIN.

An appeal from a judgment of the Supreme Court for China and Korea of January 5, 1910, was recently heard by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, the Judges taking the case being Lord Macnaghten, Lord Robson, Sir John Edgely, and Mr. Amey Ali.

Mr. Bailhache, K.C., and Mr. A. H. Chaytor appeared for the appellant; Sir Robert Finlay, K.C., Mr. Atkin, K.C., and Mr. H. M. Given for the respondent.

The arguments were heard in May before Lords Macnaghten, Mummery and Robson, when judgment was reserved.

Lord Macnaghten, in delivering their Lordships' judgment, said that seemed harassed of the wild rumours which seemed to have been rife on the Shanghai Stock Exchange, reduced to its proper proportions, and confined to the real point in controversy, the case did not present any difficulty. It was an action of deceit and, as such, it was incumbent on the plaintiff to prove actual fraud. That had been the law in this country from the earliest times, and the law had been emphatically reasserted in the comparatively recent cases of Smith v. Chadwick (10 A.C. 190) and Derry v. Peek (14 A.C. 337).

After a trial which lasted four days and a most elaborate summing up by the Chief Justice, the jury returned answers to certain questions in the result negating altogether the charges of fraud and dishonesty which had been brought against the defendant, Mr. McBain, the defendant and respondent.

Mr. McBain, the defendant and respondent, was a director and the general agent at Shanghai of an oil producing company whose chief property was in Sumatra, and had been established for several years. Apparently it was paying satisfactory dividends, but there was a good deal of gambling in its stock, and in March, 1900, there were rumours of a corner in Langkats. On April 10, 1900, the Saturday before Easter Sunday, Mr. McBain received a telegram from the manager in Sumatra stating that hole No. 94 which had been recently opened was producing oil in large and, indeed, unprecedented quantities. Mr. McBain sent the manager a congratulatory telegram. Then he bought for the June settlement 400 shares, a number which exceeded his actual holding by 100 shares. He was going up country in the afternoon, so he sent a note to Mr. Elmore, who had been in his employment since 1902, requesting him if there should be any decided strength or advance in Langkats in the early part of the following week to buy for him 100 shares of the June settlement.

On the evening of Wednesday, the 14th, Mr. McBain returned to Shanghai.

On the morning of the next day, Thursday, the 15th, Mr. McBain saw his broker, Mr. Benjamin, and the rise in Langkats was the subject of conversation between them. Mr. Benjamin had returned to Shanghai too late to do anything in execution of Mr. Elmore's order, but that morning at 10.30 he bought 200 Langkats, which more than covered the number Mr. McBain had sold short. Mr. McBain, the chairman of the Shanghai Stock Exchange (Mr. Anderson) called to see Mr. McBain, and the cause of the sudden advance in Langkats and what news the directors had received from Sumatra. Mr. McBain, driven into a corner, and as perhaps better men had done in the stress of similar circumstances, took refuge in a false statement and said the company had received no information—good, bad, or indifferent.

The same afternoon Mr. Benjamin offered Mr. McBain 95 shares in Langkats for cash, and Mr. McBain, objecting to the price, took them rather unwillingly.

On April 17 there was a meeting of the directors. In the meantime a telegram had been received from Sumatra saying that the yield from hole 94 was maintained. Then, in view of the excitement on the Stock Exchange and a strong suspicion of leakage in the office, the directors resolved to publish the news in the N.C. Daily News and to send a circular to the shareholders on Monday, the 19th. On that Monday Mr. Benjamin offered Mr. McBain 200 more shares. He thought the price was then too high and that it would soon fall, as in fact it did. But Mr. Benjamin, to use his own words, "forced those shares down his throat." That was the sum and substance of Mr. McBain's dealings in Langkats in April, 1900. He was censured very severely and very properly by the Chief Justice for gambling in the shares of a company of which he was a director, and he was tainted throughout the proceedings with having told a lie. But for all that he seemed to have given his evidence in a very straightforward manner and made a favourable impression on the Judge and the jury.

THE PRACTICE OF THE COMPANY.

In determining whether the untrue statements made by Mr. McBain were uttered with the fraudulent intention of depressing the shares in the Lingkat Company for his own advantage all the circumstances of the case, including, of course, the position in which Mr. Anderson had placed him and the difficulty of escaping from Mr. Anderson's pertinacity, must be taken into consideration. One thing at least was clear. It could not have been originally any part of the fraudulent scheme attributed to Mr. McBain to use the Shanghai brokers as his instruments in depressing the market. He did not seek them out. They flocked to his office. Mr. Anderson's justification for seeking to extract a confidential communication was the bold assertion that it was the practice of the company to publish at once all telegrams as they were received. That assertion, however, was absolutely disproved.

Now if the case had been left to the jury on the simple issue—fraud or no fraud—probably they would have had no difficulty in coming to a conclusion. But unfortunately a set of questions was put to the jury framed on the propositions laid down by Lord Cairns in *Peck v. Gurney*. Undoubtedly there was a superficial resemblance between this case and that, but there was an essential difference. In *Peck v. Gurney* there was a prospectus adjudged to have been fraudulent as between the promoters and the persons who took shares on the faith of the statements it contained. The only question was:—Could the plaintiff connect himself with that prospectus as one of the class of persons to whom it was addressed? Here the real question was:—Was Mr. McBain's statement, though undoubtedly untrue, made with the fraudulent intention attributed to him by the plaintiff? The question whether the plaintiff was in a position to connect himself with the person or persons

to whom the statement was made was another question which did not arise unless the statement was fraudulent as well as untrue.

It was not necessary to set out or discuss the questions left to the jury by the Chief Justice. On the material question, which involved the question of fraudulent intent, the jury found a verdict completely absolved the defendant from the fraud attributed to him. Their Lordships would humbly advise His Majesty that the appeal ought to be dismissed. The appellant would pay the costs of the appeal.

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DEATH OF MR. HOLT HALLETT.

We regret to record the death, which occurred in London last month, after a long illness, of Mr. Holt S. Hallett, M. Inst. C.E., F.R.G.S.

A son of Mr. Perham Hallett, LL.D., of Lincoln's Inn, by his wife Maria, daughter of Mr. T. Layton Holt, he was educated at Charterhouse and Kensington School. Trained under Mr. Baker, the chief engineer of the London and North-Western Railway, he assisted in the construction of railways in Lancashire and Cheshire from 1860 to 1868, when he entered the Indian Public Works Department. Posted to Burma, he was employed in the construction of the oldest line in the province—that from Rangoon to Prome, 160 miles in length, completed in 1877. He foresaw the necessity which afterwards arose for the annexation of Upper Burma, and advocated railway connection between the province and Assam—a linking of the easternmost part of the Indian Empire with the peninsula which still lies in the future.

He was best known, however, for his earnest and persistent co-operation with Mr. Archibald Colquhoun in efforts to further British political and commercial interests in China and Siam by pressing for railway connection between those countries and Burma, an aim of the policy he advocated being to counteract French activity in Indo-China. After retiring from the public service in 1880 he devoted himself to this cause. Travelling partly in boats, but chiefly on the backs of elephants, he explored the little-known country between Moumein and Kiang Hsen on the Mekong for a railway route into Siam, and made a survey for a branch line to Bangkok. He explored about 2,500 miles of country, fixed the position of the hills, and incidentally discovered the sources of the Salween, the Salween, and the Salween. He was consulted by the King of Siam as to the railway development since carried on in that country. The general results of his explorations were laid before the Royal Geographical Society, of which he was a Fellow, in November, 1883, and an entertaining narrative of his work is to be found in his "A Thousand Miles on an Elephant." He also travelled into French Indo-China, and submitted to the Foreign Office a valuable report on its political condition.

Mr. Hallett collaborated with Mr. Colquhoun in a joint report on railway connection between Burma and China, with accounts of their explorations, which was submitted to the Government and to the British Chambers of Commerce. He addressed many of the Chambers and other public bodies, contributed to our columns and to other journals, and issued various brochures on the subject, among them being "Development of our Eastern Markets," "Development of Indian Railways," and "India and her Neighbours." He succeeded in gathering a considerable weight of public opinion to the support of his proposals, and favourable resolutions were passed by many of the leading Chambers of Commerce as well as by the Association of Chambers. Various appeals were made to the Government, either to construct the proposed lines as State enterprises, or to give guarantees to companies prepared to undertake them. The agitation went on for some years, but received its coup de grace by the announcement of Lord Salisbury, when Prime Minister, that the British Government could not give guarantees for railway extensions beyond our territorial or political frontiers. But Mr. Hallett's efforts were not fruitless; they had much to do with the extension of the Burmese railways east and north from Mandalay towards the Chinese frontier.

Some 20 years ago Mr. Hallett took up the case of factory workers in India, who were then almost entirely unprotected, and by speech and pen he had a large share in bringing about the remedial legislation of 1892, which has now been followed by an Act embodying the principle of restriction of the hours of adult male workers. He supported Lancashire in its opposition to the Indian import duties when cotton goods were brought within their scope, 17 years ago, and until his health failed he continued to contribute to reviews and journals on the financial and commercial problems connected with our Eastern Empire. From first to last his work as a publicist was characterized by an earnest and informed patriotism.—*The Times*.

THE DEATH OF MR. ALFRED HOLT.

The following notice of the death of the late Mr. Alfred Holt is taken from *The Times* of November 29th:—

The death occurred suddenly at his residence, Alburgh, Liverpool, on Monday night, of Mr. Alfred Holt, a member of a well-known local family and one of Liverpool's leading commercial men.

Mr. Holt, who was in his 63rd year, achieved distinction in early life as a civil engineer. He was the founder in 1852 of the Ocean Steamship Company, better known as the Blue Funnel Line. Mr. Holt retired from active participation in business a few years ago, but continued to take a keen interest in the firm and visited the offices as lately as Monday. Mr. Holt was for some time a member of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, and from August, 1899, to December of the following year occupied the chair. While connected with the Board he warmly advocated a road railway scheme between Liverpool and Manchester with the object of cheapening the means of transit between the two centres, the thing, however, came of his proposal, and some years later the Manchester Ship Canal was constructed. Mr. Holt was a prominent Unitarian.

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## TAX ON ESTATE IN A GERMAN PRINCIPALITY.

One of the smallest of the German Principalities is undertaking a very big experiment in financial legislation. The Diet of the older of the two Principalities of Rhenish, which lies in Central Germany, to the south-east of the Thuringian States, carried recently a resolution in favour of increasing the State income-tax by 5 per cent. of the tax on incomes between £150 and £500, and by 10 per cent. of the tax on incomes exceeding £500 a year in the case of unmarried persons of either sex who have reached their 30th year. The Diet consists of 12 members, and the resolution was carried by seven votes against five. The super-taxation of bachelors has often been proposed in other German States, and was jocularly referred to as a possible form of Imperial taxation by the Emperor William in a speech at Hamburg in 1906.

**MR. PIERPONT MORGAN AND A RUMOUR.**  
A number of financiers in New York last month received cablegrams asking whether there was any truth in a rumour circulated on the London Stock Exchange that Mr. Pierpont Morgan had been fatally injured and was dying. This is an instance of the mysterious manner in which accidents become magnified by repetition into disaster. Mr. Morgan is a member of the vestry of St. George's Episcopal Church, and is one of those who pay the collection plate among the congregation every Sunday. Whilst he was walking on Sunday up the aisle with a plate full of money to place it on the altar he stumbled just before he reached the altar and fell to his knees, spilling the money over the aisle. He immediately arose and proceeded to his pew uninjured, while the other collectors picked up the money. The rumour apparently flew across the Atlantic, enlarging the incident into a fatal accident.

**SUPPERY IN NAMES.**  
One often finds euphony existing in the names of couples who go to the altar, but rarely to the extent of that recorded in a Clognet paper, which chronicles the marriage of Charles E. Gosh and Annie B. Damm under the caption "Gosh-Damm." The good gentleman of the cloth who performed the ceremony doubtless had a hard task, but says the St. Paul Pioneer Press, he bravely overcame the difficulty by coughing violently every time he was called to pronounce the bride's name.

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**AN AMUSING QUICK-RICH SCHEME.**  
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The question arises, is the scheme feasible, and if not, why not?  
**AFTER FOUR CENTURIES.**  
The Supreme Court at Leipzig has just given judgment in a law suit which has lasted for four centuries. On October 4, 1510, the Prince Elector, Joachim I. of Brandenburg, ceded to the Bishop of Lebus the perpetual rights of fishing in the Oder between Kuetzin and Frankfurt. The corporation and fishermen in the latter city claimed an inalienable right of fishing in the river. Litigation followed, and in 1511 the matter was brought before the courts. Various decisions were given from time to time, but no judgment has been given, after a long investigation by the Supreme Court, confirming the decree issued in 1697, which declared the prerogatives of the Frankforters to be null and void.

**MR. CARNEGIE AND DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE.**  
Mr. Andrew Carnegie has given the Carnegie Corporation, which was organized to-day, £5,000,000 in gold bonds of the Steel Corporation. The Carnegie Corporation has been founded for the purpose of the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding in the United States, for the formation of a hero fund, etc.

**EDIBLE BIRDS' NESTS.**  
According to the Scientific American in the year 1809 the edible birds' nests collected in the islands about Siam and the Malay Archipelago amounted to 18,000lbs, valued at about £20,000. The taking of the nests is fully described. It is stated that the birds take three months to build the first nests, which are gathered before any eggs are laid. Thirty days are occupied in building a second, which is taken in a similar way. The third nest is left, but after the young are reared it is also taken and sold. After washing in cold water the nests are cooked for eight hours.

Various views as to the exact nature of the nest used in making the famous Chinese delicacy, bird-nest soup, have been held. According to the above article it is now known that they are formed of a species of seaweed gathered by the bird. Unfortunately no authority is given for the statement, and when we turn to Professor Newton's article in the "Encyclopaedia Britannica," we find it stated that they are made of a sort of mucus secreted by the salivary glands of the birds themselves. The birds building the nests are species of swifts belonging to the genus known to ornithologists as Collocalia. In our knowledge the salivary glands are largely developed, and the secretion is used to glue together the materials of the nest. But in the Collocalia it forms "almost the whole substance of the structure." "This view," says Professor Newton, "has been needlessly doubted in favour of the popular belief that they were made of some seaweed." This is supported by reference to analysis of the nest made by Mr. J. R. Green. On the other hand, Lander, who observed the birds in the Philippine Islands, says that they use the gum from certain trees for their nests.

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DEWANGONG, German str., 1,057, E. Gathe-mann, 17th Dec.—Bangkok 6th and Angkor 8th Dec., Rice and Timber—Butterfield & Swire.  
DORTMUND, German str., 5,235, G. Bold, 10th Dec.—Hamburg and Singapore 3rd Dec., General—Hamburg-Amerika Linie.  
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HSH CHANG, Chinese str., 1,258, F. Hamblin, 16th Dec.—Tientsin and Chefoo 8th Dec., Nuts and General—C. M. S. N. Co.  
HUYONG, British str., 1,217, Hooker, 16th Dec.—Weihaiwei 10th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.  
HUNAN, British str., 1,143, J. Speed, 15th Dec.—Tientsin and Swatow 12th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.  
INDRA, British str., 3,973, A. S. Graham, 16th Dec.—Sabang, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
KAIFUKU MARU, Japanese str., 1,903, S. Suda, 12th Dec.—Mororan 1st Dec., Coal—Order.  
MONTAGUE, British str., 6,163, W. Davison, R.N.R., 10th Dec.—Vancouver, B.C., 15th Nov., Flour, Salmon and Mails—C. P. R. Co.  
NIFFON MARU, Japanese str., 3,452, A. G. Stevens, R.N.R., 12th Dec.—San Francisco 15th Nov., General—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.  
POKONGONG, German str., 978, W. Ketschur, 10th Dec.—Singapore and Hollow 8th Dec.—Butterfield & Swire.  
RYGJA, Norwegian str., 2,591, E. Meyer, 16th Dec.—Manila 13th Dec., General—Bank Line.  
SABINE ROCKERS, Dutch str., 573, D. E. Boers, 14th Dec.—Amoy 15th Dec., Beans Oil—Asiatic Petroleum Co.  
SEVERID, British str., 4,011, F. S. Cowley, 15th Dec.—Victoria 15th Nov., General—Bank Line.  
SITHONIA, German str., 3,544, B. Kolze, 13th Dec.—Shanghai, 10th Dec., General—Hamburg-Amerika Linie.  
SUKOYANG, British str., 987, M. Mathias, 16th Dec.—Heihai 14th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.  
TAISHUN, Chinese str., 1,216, R. G. Parmore, 17th Dec.—Shanghai 14th Dec., Mails and General—C. M. S. N. Co.  
TRAN, British str., 1,346, A. W. Outerbridge, 15th Dec.—Manila 12th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.  
TELEMAQUE, British str., 1,240, Fraser, 16th Dec.—Saigon 10th Dec., General—Wo Fat Sing.  
TIJODAS, Dutch str., 6,000, J. W. Pouman, 15th Dec.—Java 4th Dec., Sugar and General—Java-China-Japan Lijn.  
TIJMAR, Dutch str., 2,740, J. F. Scholten, 12th Dec.—Batavia 3rd Dec., Sugar and General—Java-China-Japan Lijn.  
TUO WAI, British str., 726, Newbery, 13th Dec.—Tientsin 7th Dec., General—China Merchants Co.  
WUCROW, British str., 1,217, W. French, 16th Dec.—Swatow 15th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.  
YUNNAN, British str., 1,206, G. W. Eedy, 13th Dec.—Maj 8th Dec., Coal—Butterfield & Swire.  
ZAPITO, American str., 1,410, M. C. Smith, 17th Dec.—Manila 10th Dec., Hemp—Shewan, Tomes & Co.

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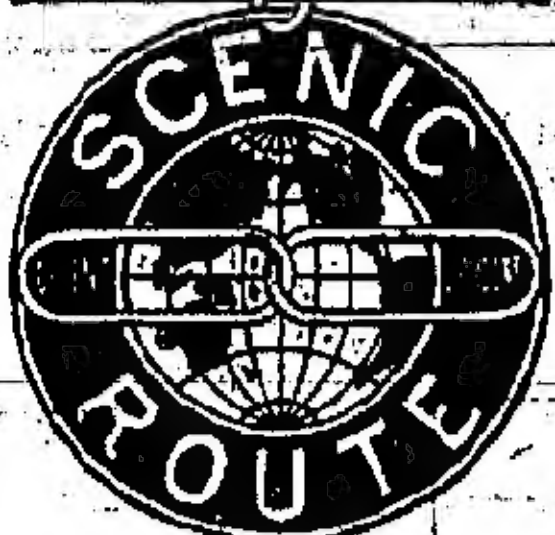
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## SHELFORD RUBBER ESTATE.

THE DIRECTORS' PROPOSALS CARRIED AFTER SOME STRONG CRITICISM.

Mr. W. W. Campbell presided at the meeting of shareholders of the Shelford Rubber Estate, Limited, held in Glasgow on the 19th ult., for the purpose of considering a motion approving the directors' policy in acquiring the Sungei Bruns Estate for 3,500 fully paid £1 shares and issuing 11,500 further shares to plant the same.

In moving the resolution the Chairman said that, owing to illness, Sir John Ure Primrose was unable to attend the meeting. The directors desired to give the shareholders every opportunity of considering proposals before carrying them into effect. The report of the proceedings of the last meeting elicited a few objections; but proxies received in favour of the proposals were overwhelmingly greater; so that there was nothing left for him to do but to propose the resolution. He would just repeat that the directors were confident that the proposal was in the best interests of the company, and that the ultimate result would be greatly to the benefit of the shareholders.

Mr. McLennan seconded. Mr. Buchanan said that while it was no good discussing the matter, in view of the proxies held by the board, the circular did not clear up many points. At the previous meeting Mr. Hankey had said the rent was a nominal one of one dollar per acre for the first six years, and four dollars thereafter. The company would have to pay in the course of five years a rental of £460 yearly. That capitalised at the credit of the Shelford Company on the basis of 25 years purchase, and the value of Shelford shares meant that the cost was £18,500, and the total cost in his opinion would be £30,000. If these calculations were correct, then the total capital of the Shelford Company would really be £111,000 with a valuation of £80 per acre, not £57 as stated by the directors.

Mr. MacDonald (secretary): You take the rental at £460, multiply that by twenty-five, you take the cost of the estate at £3,000, and add to that that £11,500.

Mr. Buchanan: I presume the shares will be issued at £1 premium. I would also point out the fall in the value of Shelford shares from 50s. to 40s.

The Chairman: I don't think that is fair inference.

Mr. Buchanan also referred to the rental and gave figures to show that the sum paid would be out of all proportion to that of the value of the Keng Lee property.

Mr. MacDonald replied that the only way to look at the price being paid for the property was that it was £7,000, taking Shelford shares at £2, while the rental was just the same as that imposed upon other companies in the Malay States—one dollar for the first six years and four dollars thereafter.

Mr. Liburn: Is that the price the Federated Malay States are still getting?

Mr. MacDonald: Yes, if you want to take ground for rubber-growing. There is no getting away from the price. As to the premium, it will be fixed by the shareholders. It may have to be lower.

The matter is an easy one for shareholders. They can take the shares if the premium is satisfactory, or they can leave them.

Mr. Buchanan: Well, you cannot cultivate the land if they leave them alone.

Mr. MacDonald: If we don't get the money we won't go on with the purchase. The question is one for prospective shareholders. He added that what the shareholders were paying for the estate was not £30,000, but 3,500 Shelford shares, valued to-day at £2; so that the real price was £7,000.

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## WEATHER REPORT.

On the 18th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has risen considerably in E. Japan, and fallen moderately over China.

The anti-cyclonic area, which continues to move Eastwards, is now central over the Sea of Japan.

A depression which is advancing Eastwards has appeared over the Yangtze Valley.

The monsoon is interrupted in the North, and moderating over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

## FORECAST DISTRICT.

\* Hongkong & Neighbourhood  
Formosa Channel ... Same as No. 1.  
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamoo ... Same as No. 1.  
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\* E. winds, moderate, fair.

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

18th DECEMBER, A.M.

Station.	Hour.	Barom.	Temperature.	Humid.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
T'ientsin	7 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nomuro	6 a.	30.30	—	—	WNW	6	0
Hakodate	—	30.50	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	—	30.45	—	—	N	1	1
Kobe	—	30.52	—	—	SW	1	1
Nagasaki	—	30.45	—	—	ENE	1	1
Kogoshima	—	30.45	—	—	NE	3	0
Oshima	—	30.32	—	—	NE	3	0
Naha	—	30.23	—	—	E	3	1
Shikima	—	30.13	—	—	E	3	1
Bonin Is.	—	30.34	—	—	NNE	1	0
Chefoo	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weihaiwei	9 a.	30.37	41	66	ENE	4	0
Hankow	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kiukiang	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	9 a.	30.24	55	87	SE	1	omr
Guizsang	—	30.25	55	100	SE	4	omr
Sharp Peak	—	30.23	58	—	N	1	o
Away	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Swatow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tai-choku	5 a.	30.14	—	—	S	2	0
Taiho	—	30.17	—	—	—	0	—
Tsinan	—	30.15	—	—	NE	2	—
Koshun	—	30.13	—	—	NE	2	—
Pescadore	—	30.12	—	—	NE	2	—
Cassini	—	—	—	—	NE	6	—
Hongkong	10 a.	30.19	67	79	E	4	o
Viet. Peak	—	—	—	—	E	4	—
Gap Rock	—	30.15	—	—	E	5	—
Maeno	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whechow	9 a.	30.19	60	88	E	2	o
Hollow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phulien	8 a.	30.13	66	—	E	2	o
Touraine	—	30.10	73	—	WSW	—	o
C. St. James	—	29.99	79	—	W	4	o
Aparri	6 a.	29.96	72	—	WSW	2	c
Manilla	10 a.	30.08	—	58	ENE	1	b
Legaspi	—	30.10	79	—	ENE	2	b
Manolod	9 a.	—	—	—	NE	2	b
Neilo	—	29.93	81	—	NE	2	o
Cebu	—	29.93	82	—	NE	2	o
Labuan	—	29.93	85	—	—	—	—







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HAIPHONG	SHANGHAI	On 20th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	CHINHUA	On 21st Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	TAIYUAN	On 22nd Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	ANHUI	On 23rd Dec., Midnight
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	KAIFONG	On 25th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	CHENAN	On 26th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	CHENAN	On 30th Dec., Midnight

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MANILA LINE—TWIN SCREW STEAMERS "TEAN" and "TAMING," Saloon accommodation Ample; Electric Fans fitted; Extra State-rooms on Deck, aft. Balcon accommodation of S.S. "KALFONG" is situated on Deck, aft.

SHANGHAI LINE—FAST SCHEDULE TWIN SCREW STEAMERS "ANHUI," "CHENAN," "CHINHUA" and "LINAN" with excellent accommodation, Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms and Dining Saloon, leaving Hongkong direct every Thursday and Sunday, taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports. The SUNDAY Morning sailings. A Co's launch leaves Murray Pier at 10 o'clock every SATURDAY Night.

These Steamers Land Passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of the transshipment at Woosung. Telephone No. 36.

REDUCED FARES—SINGLE \$45.....RETURN \$75.

For Freight or Passage apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS. [10]

## INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SANDAKAN	MAUSANG	Friday, 22nd Dec., Noon
MANILA	YUENSANG	Saturday, 23rd Dec., 2 P.M.
SHANGHAI	KOONSANG	Sunday, 24th Dec., D'light.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	KUTSANG	Wednesday, 27th Dec., 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE AND MOJI	FOOKSANG	Friday, 29th Dec., Noon
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Saturday, 30th Dec., 2 P.M.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN,

(OCCUPYING 24 DAYS).

The Steamers "KUTSANG," "NAMSANG" and "FOOKSANG" leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong.

These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

A fully qualified surgeon is also carried.

Steamers have superior accommodation for First Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Yantai, Tientsin, Weihaiwei, Chefoo, Tientsin and Newchwang.

Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Kuantan, Lahad, Datu, Simporna, Tawau, Usukan, Jesselton and Labuan.

Telephone No. 215, Sub. Exch. 4.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., GENERAL MANAGERS. [15]

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LD.

HONGKONG-SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS

HIGHEST Class, Fastest and Most Luxurious Steamers on the Coast, having Splendid Accommodation for First Class Passengers. Electric Light. Excellent Cuisine.

### FOR SWATOW, AMOI AND FOOCHOW AND RETURN.

(Occupying 9 to 10 Days).

STEAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	LEAVING
"HAIYANG"	Capt. J. W. Evans	TUESDAY, 19th Dec., at 11 A.M.
"HAIMUN"	Capt. A. H. Stewart	THURSDAY, 21st Dec., at 11 A.M.
"HAIAN"	Capt. J. S. Roach	SUNDAY, 24th Dec., at 11 A.M.
"HAIHING"	Capt. W. C. Passmore	TUESDAY, 26th Dec., at 11 A.M.

FOR SWATOW AND RETURN.

(Occupying 3 Days).

"HAIAN" ... Capt. J. S. Roach ... WEDNESDAY, 20th Dec., at 11 A.M.

Steamers will arrive at and depart from the Company's Wharf (near Blaise Pier).

For Freight and Passage, apply to DOUGLAS, LAURA & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS. [9]

Hongkong, 18th December, 1911.

## HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH

DEUTSCHE DAMPSCHIFFFAHRTS GESELLSCHAFT "HANSA."

Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES, via STRAITS and COLOMBO, to MARSEILLES, HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG and to NEW YORK.

TAKING Cargo at Through Rates to all European North Continental and British Ports also Trieste, Lisbon, Oporto, Marseilles, Genoa, and other Mediterranean, Levantine, Black Baltic Sea and Ports, and all North and South American Ports.

NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:

OUTWARD.

HOMEWARD.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE &amp; YOKOHAMA:

S.S. SILESIA	1st Jan.
S.S. AMBRIA	10th Jan.
S.S. GOLDENFELS	24th Jan.
S.S. PREUSSEN	6th Feb.

For Further Particulars, apply to—

FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG:	20th Dec.
S.S. SCANDIA	21st Dec.
FOR MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG:	21st Dec.
S.S. ANDALUSIA	21st Dec.
FOR HAVRE, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP:	5th Jan.
S.S. BRASLIA	5th Jan.
FOR HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG:	9th Jan.
S.S. DORTMUND	9th Jan.
FOR MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG:	23rd Jan.
S.S. ECOVIA	23rd Jan.
FOR HAVRE, HAMBURG & ANTWERP:	31st Jan.
S.S. SILESIA	31st Jan.
FOR HAVRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG:	1st Feb.
S.S. SAMBIA	1st Feb.
FOR ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP:	16th Feb.
S.S. SAKONIA	16th Feb.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1911.

## TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

IMPERIAL JAPANESE TRANS-PACIFIC MAIL LINES.

SAN FRANCISCO LINE.

Connecting with the WESTERN PACIFIC RAILWAY at SAN FRANCISCO to all Ports in the UNITED STATES and CANADA and with TRANS-ATLANTIC LINES for EUROPE.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMER	TONS	CAPTAIN	DATE OF SAILING
NIPPON MARU	11,000	A. G. Stevens	FRIDAY, 22nd Dec., at Noon.
TENYO MARU	21,000	E. Bond	FRIDAY, 22nd Dec., at Noon.
SHINYO MARU	21,000	H. S. Smith	FRIDAY, 19th Jan., Noon 1912
CHIYO MARU	21,000	W. W. Greene	FRIDAY, 16th Feb. 1912

All Steamers are equipped with the Japanese Government Wireless Telegraph and Post Office. The Triple Screw Steamer "TENYO MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, 29th December, at Noon.

INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.

The Twin Screw S.S. "NIPPON MARU" 11,000 tons, Captain A. G. Stevens, will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, the 22nd December, at Noon.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

(In Connection with the NATIONAL RAILWAYS OF MEXICO AT MANZANILLO and the TEHUANTEPEC NATIONAL RAILWAY AT SALINA CRUZ.) The Only Regular Direct Service to MEXICAN, CHILIAN and PERUVIAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION):

STEAMER	TONS	DATE OF SAILING
KIYO MARU	17,500	TUESDAY, 11th Feb., at Noon, 1912.
BUYO MARU	10,500	TUESDAY, 9th April, at Noon.
HONGKONG MARU	11,000	FRIDAY, 7th June, at Noon.

The Steamer "KIYO MARU" will be despatched hence for MEXICAN, PERUVIAN, CHILIAN PORTS via MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, 11th February, at Noon.

FARES FROM HONGKONG:

To LONDON	£71-10-0
To VALPARAISO	£57-0-0

Fares by INTERMEDIATE STEAMER.

To HONOLULU	£20-0-0
To SAN FRANCISCO	£25-0-0
To CHICAGO	£36-10-0
To NEW YORK	£40-0-0
To LONDON via NEW YORK	£45-0-0

Single and Round Trip to all ports are interchangeable and good for return by Intermediate Steamers of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co.

SPECIAL RATES (First Class only) are granted to principal points in the United States, Canada and Europe, on terms which may be obtained from the undersigned.

These magnificent steamers are most up-to-date and luxurious in every way. Excellent cuisine and accommodation.

"TENYO MARU," "CHIYO MARU" and "SHINYO MARU" are fitted with Turbine Engines and Triple Screw. Record Speed 21½ knots.

Through Bills of Lading issued to North, Central and South American Ports.

For Further Particulars as to Passage and Freight, apply to

K. MATSUDA, AGENT,

King's Building (Opposite Blake Pier).

## OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR SERVICE, PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(Subject to Alteration).

### TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

Connecting at TACOMA with

THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND PUGET SOUND RAILWAY

AND

THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL RAILWAY

(The only direct train service, without transshipment, also shortest and fastest route, from the Pacific Coast to Chicago). Taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Overland Common Points in the U.S.A. and Canada, also to the principal ports in Mexico, Central and South America.

FOR	STEAMERS	TONS (Gross reg.)	LEAVING
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, AND YOKOHAMA	"CHICAGO MARU"	6,182	WED'DAY, 27th Dec., at 11 A.M.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, AND YOKOHAMA	"CANADA MARU"	6,064	TUESDAY, 9th Jan. at 11 A.M. 1912.

O. S. K. has made the following revision on 1st class passage to Victoria, Tacoma, Seattle Vancouver, Portland, and San Francisco:—

From Manila ... G. \$130.00

From Hongkong, Shanghai and Keelung ... G. \$110.00

From Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama ... G. \$95.00

1st class passage from Hongkong to Victoria, Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver, Portland and San Francisco ... G. \$110.00

The Co.'s Newly Built Steamers have fair speed. Superior accommodation forsteage Passengers, situated AMIDSHIP. A limited number of Cabin Passengers carried at Low Rates. Best adapted rooms for carrying Silk, Measure and Parcels. Special attention given toward Express connection.

### HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS & FORMOSA SERVICE

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW and AMOI	"CHOSHUN MARU"	WED'DAY, 20th Dec., at 10 A.M.
TAMUI VIA SWATOW and AMOI	"DAIJIN MARU"	Sunday, 24th Dec., at 10 A.M.
ANPING VIA SWATOW and AMOI	"SOSHU MARU"	WED'DAY, 27th Dec., at 10 A.M.

For information of Freight, Passages, Sailings, etc., apply at the Co.'s Local Branch Office, at Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Buildings

S. HIROL, MANAGER

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in 53 hours.

S.S. "SI-KIANG," Capt. E. de Catalano.

(1ST AND 2ND CLASSES) will leave Hongkong for

KWANG CHOW WANG AND HAIPHONG,

on WEDNESDAY, the 20th Dec., 1911, at 9 A.M.

For Passage and Freight apply to

P. THOMAS, N.M. Co.'s AGENT.

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## NIPPONYUSEN KAISHA

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS	TONS	SAILING DATES
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG COLOMBO, SUEZ and PORT SAID	MIYASAKI MARU Capt. T. Mura	9,000	WED'DAY, 20th Dec., at Daylight
	KAWACHI MARU Capt. H. Petersen	7,000	FRIDAY, 22nd Dec.
	KITANO MARU Capt. E. Copp	9,000	WED'DAY, 3rd Jan., at Daylight
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE	KAMAKURA MARU Capt. B. Kon	7,000	SATURDAY, 30th Dec., from Kobe
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, and YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU Capt. K. Noda	7,000	TUESDAY, 2nd Dec., at Noon
	AWA MARU Capt. T. Iizawa	7,000	TUESDAY, 30th January, 1912
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Nagi	6,000	FRIDAY, 22nd Dec., at Noon
	KUMANO MARU Capt. M. Winkler	6,000	FRIDAY, 15th Jan., at Noon
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	WAKASA MARU Capt. N. Nielsen	7,000	WED'DAY, 20th Dec.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI and KOBE	KIRIN MARU Capt. M. Deguchi	4,000	WED'DAY, 20th Dec.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	HIRANO MARU Capt. H. Fraser	9,000	THURSDAY 21st Dec., 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KUMANO MARU Capt. M. Winkler	6,000	WED'DAY, 20th Dec.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, and COLOMBO	COLOMBO MARU Capt. J. Tanaka	5,000	TUESDAY 2nd January

§ Fitted with New System of Wireless Telegraphy. \* Carries Deck Passengers. † Cargo only

### NEW LINE OF STEAMERS

BETWEEN

KOBE &amp; CALCUTTA.

REGULAR FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE

FROM KOBE TO CALCUTTA, CALLING AT HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG AND RANGOON.

### 1912 PASSENGER SEASON 1912

STEAMER	TONS	CAPTAIN	FROM HONGKONG
TANGO MARU	8,000	K. Kawa	February 14th
KAMO	9,000	F. L. Sommer	February 28th
AKI	7,000	K. Homma	March 13th
MISHIMA	9,000	A. C. Moses	March 27th
KAGA	7,000	M. Hagino	April 10th
ATSUTA	9,000	Wm. Thompson	April 24th
HITACHI	7,000	T. Mura	May 8th
MIYASAKI	9,000	T. Mura	May 22nd
FOR SEATTLE.			
INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tominga	February 27th
TAMBA	7,000	K. Noda	March 26th
SANUKI	7,000	K. Noda	April 9th
AWA	7,000	T. Iizawa	April 23rd
INABA	7,000	S. Tominga	May 21st

For further information, apply to—

T. KUSUMOTO, MANAGER.

(1911-14-40)

## PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON, 1912.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

MARSEILLES AND LONDON

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR

COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &amp;c.

THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

STEAMERS to COLOMBO		Leave  HONGKONG	Connecting Steamers from COLOMBO to MARSEILLES & LONDON		Due MARSEILLES (Brindisi 2 days earlier)	Due PLYMOUTH (London 1 day later)
Steamer	Tons	1 P.M. SATURDAY	Steamer	Tons	SATURDAY	FRIDAY
ASSAYE .....	7500	February 3	MANTUA .....	11000	March 2	March 8
HIMALAYA .....	7000	February 17	MACEDONIA .....	10500	March 16	March 22
DELHI .....	8000	March 2	MOREA .....	11000	March 30	April 5
INDIA .....	8000	March 16	Through Steamer		April 13	April 19
DEVANHA .....	8000	March 30	MOLDAVIA .....	11000	April 27	May 3
DELTA .....	8000	April 13	MALJOJA .....	12500	May 11	May 17
ASSAYE .....	7500	April 27	MONGOLIA .....	10000	May 25	May 31
DELHI .....	8000	May 11	MALWA .....	11000	June 8	June 14

Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO, with exception of s.s. "INDIA" and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at PORT SAID.

Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in Hongkong at the time of Booking.

FARES TO LONDON: 1st SALOON £71.10 SINGLE, £106.14 RETURN.

2nd SALOON £48.8 2nd £72.12

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE MAIL STEAMERS

INTERMEDIATE (Non-Transshipment) STEAMERS WILL LEAVE FOR

LONDON

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X'MAS and NEW YEAR'S DAY.

You must have your

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at the following REDUCED PRICES:

Cases @ 12 Quarts.....\$38.00 (instead of \$36.00)  
" @ 24 Pints.....\$35.00 (instead of \$38.00)  
CASES @ 12 PINTS.....\$17.50 (instead of \$19.00)

(Household packing)

DELIVERY FREE to any House in the  
Hill-District, Central-City and Kowloon.  
CONDITION: CASH ON DELIVERY.

Obtainable from the Sole Representative for Hongkong and  
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HUGO C. A. FROMM,

4, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, 3RD FLOOR. TEL. No. 960.  
Hongkong, 13th December, 1911.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE

The *Tenyo Maru*, with the American Mail, is due to arrive here to-day.

The *Devon*, with the English Mail, left Singapore on Saturday, the 16th inst., at 7.20 a.m. and may be expected here on Thursday, the 21st inst., at 7 a.m. This packet, brings parcel mails closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 15th November, and for despatch overland on the 22nd November.

FOR  
HONGKONG, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA  
Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe  
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow

EUROPE, &c., India via Tutuicoria. Late Letters 11.00 to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents. Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta  
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo  
Amoy and Shanghai  
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama  
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta  
Amoy...

Fort Bayard and Haiphong  
Hoikow and Haiphong  
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow  
Haiphong

(Taking Mails for Peking)  
MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, YOKOHAMA, YOKOHAMA, SEATTLE and PORTLAND

Swatow, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama  
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo  
Amoy and Shanghai  
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow  
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta  
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo

Manila Thursday Island Cooktown, Cairns  
Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle

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## COMMERCIAL

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 18th.

On LONDON:	
Telegraphic Transfer	110 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	110 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	110 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	110 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	110 1/2
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight	110 1/2
On PARIS:	
Bank Bills, on demand	236
Credits, at 4 months' sight	240 1/2
On GERMANY:	
On demand	191
On NEW YORK:	
Bank Bills, on demand	45 1/2
Credits, at 60 days' sight	46 1/2
On BOMBAY:	
Telegraphic Transfer	139 1/2
Bank, on demand	139 1/2
On CALCUTTA:	
Telegraphic Transfer	139 1/2
Bank, on demand	139 1/2
On SHANGHAI:	
Bank, at sight	75
Private, 30 days' sight	75 1/2
On YOKOHAMA:	
On demand	91
On MANILA:	
On demand	91 1/2
On SINGAPORE:	
On demand	79 1/2
On BATAVIA:	
On demand	112
On HAIPHONG:	
On demand	112 1/2
On SAIGON:	
On demand	112 1/2
On BANGKOK:	
On demand	112 1/2
Overseas, Bank's Buying Rate	\$10.65
Gold L.W.L., 100 fine, per tael	\$55.39
BAR SILVER, per oz.	25 1/2

## SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Chinese	20 cents pieces	\$5.34 discount
Chinese	10 "	\$5.18 "
Hongkong	20 "	\$5.32 "
Hongkong	10 "	\$5.32 "

## SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 18th, 1911.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$360, sales
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	all	\$10, sellers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$5	all	\$1.10, buyers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all	\$8, sal. & sol.
CORPORATIONS.—				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 95
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	\$43
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	all	Tls. 51
Laon-Kung-Mow C. Spin. & Weav. Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 65
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 28
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	all	\$21, sellers
DOCKS AND WHARVES.—				
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$55 1/2, sales
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$47 1/2	all	\$48, sellers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$64	all	\$7, buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 57
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 90
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	all	\$3 1/2, buyers
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$2 1/2, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	12,000	\$50 1/2	all	\$119
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	8,000	\$25	all	\$75
Manila Metropolitan Hotel Limited	15,000	Pa. 10	all	\$10, sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	50,000	\$25	all	\$200, sellers
Hongkong Hope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$18, sales
H'kong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$7
INSURANCE.—				
Oversea Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$185, buyers
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$400	\$20	\$125, buyers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	\$50
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$352
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 145
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$10	\$825
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$210, @ Ex 73
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.—				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	\$102, sellers
Hongkong Land and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$5 1/2, buyers
Hampshire's Estate and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	all	\$30
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MAKING.—				
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Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	all	\$2.60, buyers
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Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	all	\$5, buyers
REFINING.—				
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Luxon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$31 1/2, buyers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.—				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	all	\$10 1/2, sales
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$21
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Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	25	all	\$60, L'don.
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